HERSETH SANDLIN ENCOURAGES SOUTH DAKOTANS TO PREPARE FOR SPRING FLOODING; PROVIDES LIST OF FLOODING RESOURCES ON WEBSITE

March 16, 2010-Today, Rep. Herseth Sandlin encouraged South Dakotans to prepare for spring flooding and posted on her website a list of resources to assist South Dakotans with flood preparedness and response. This spring, rivers across South Dakota and prairie potholes are expected to reach flood levels, posing a threat to safety as well as infrastructure and property. Rep. Herseth Sandlin also emphasized the importance of a comprehensive long-term plan to address future flood concerns.

"I urge all South Dakotans to be safe during the spring flooding season and to make sure they take all appropriate precautions to protect their families and property," Rep. Herseth Sandlin said. "Any South Dakotans with questions are encouraged to visit the list of resources on my website or contact one of my offices for assistance."

In years past, flooding has caused extensive damage to infrastructure and homes in South Dakota, in addition to crop losses for agricultural producers. Last fall, Rep. Herseth Sandlin hosted USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack to show him flood damage in northeastern South Dakota, as well as discuss the impact of this flooding on agricultural producers and rural communities at a Rural Issues Forum near Bath.

Rep. Herseth Sandlin added, "I am committed to working closely with local, state, and federal officials to prepare for flooding and respond to any emergencies in South Dakota. In addition to addressing the immediate threat posed by flooding this year, it's critical that we develop a long-term plan coordinated across multiple agencies to mitigate the impact of future floods. I look forward to working with community leaders, emergency response personnel and government agencies to develop this plan to ensure we protect our communities and economy."

To see the list of flooding resources, click here or go to Rep. Herseth Sandlin's website at http:/
/hersethsandlin.house.gov/
and click on the "Flooding Resources" button at the bottom of the page.

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